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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.

DETAILED ACTION***Suspension of Prosecution***

1. Applicant has petitioned for an amended inventorship in the claimed grandparent case 60/060066, priority of which has been denied due to a lack of common inventors. If granted, such inventorship change would amend the granted priority date of the claimed invention, thereby antedating the reference applied in the rejection. Applicant has requested a suspension of prosecution in the instant case while the petition in the grandparent case is being considered.

The amended inventorship significantly bears upon the claim status and the merits of the instant case and applicant has presented a showing of good and sufficient cause bearing upon the merits of the instant case in accord with MPEP 709. Applicant's petition is GRANTED.

2. Pursuant to applicant's request filed on 9/13/02 in paper number 7, action by the Office is suspended on this application under 37 CFR 1.103(a) for a period of five months. At the end of this period, applicant is required to notify the examiner and request continuance of prosecution or a further suspension. See MPEP § 709.

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Conclusion

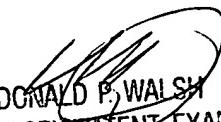
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exmr. Michael E. Butler whose telephone number is (703) 308-8344.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Walsh, can be reached on (703) 306-4173. The fax number for the Group is (703) 305-7687.

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